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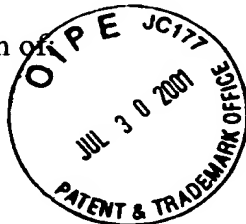
In re Patent Application of

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For: **Novel Nucleotide Sequences
Coding for the poxB Gene**



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Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 30, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments

In the Specification:

On page 1 of the application, immediately before the first paragraph that begins with the words "The present invention," please add the heading -- Field of the Invention --. Prior to that section and after the title on page 1, please add the following text:

-- Cross Reference to Related Applications

The present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to German application 199 51 975.7, filed on October 28, 1999. --

Please delete the excessive space left at the bottom of pages 2 and 22.

In the Claims:

Please delete claims 17-33 without prejudice.

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